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In another embodiment, the screen saver is presented as a video stream that, as a non-limiting example, is a set of movie trailers of movies currently available for rental in the rental options screen 227 (FIG. 10). In this non-limiting example, the DHCT 16 tunes the MPEG stream containing the trailers, with the frequency and program number being passed to the MOD application client 65 in the service parameter data. Thus, in this non-limiting example, if the user has stopped the presentation of the MOD title and walked away, the DHCT 16, after a pre-configured amount of time, tunes the display 31 to a channel of movie trailers. The movie trailers, as described above, are pre-edited segments of MOD titles (movies, etc.) that are, for example, new releases or coming attractions and are continuously presented until the user presses a key on remote 40 (FIG. 7). Upon hitting any remote 40 key, the user is returned to the previous point where the user left off in the MOD application—the MOD current rental screen (which appears when the user stops the presentation of a MOD title).

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The system operator may configure, using the MOD application server GUI, parameters that determine when a session ends if the user interrupts the presentation of a MOD title. In one embodiment, the system operator may, via an interface (not shown), configure a session to be maintained for the entire rental duration even during the portion of the rental period when the user is not viewing the MOD title. This non-limiting example maintains the bandwidth for the user regardless of other system constraints or requests. In another embodiment, the system operator, through the interface at the headend 11, may configure the session providing the MOD title to be torn down after a pre-configured time. The pre-configured time may be based upon certain user input or some user inactivity. As a non-limiting example, if the user stops the presentation of a MOD title and the pre-configured time of inactivity expires, the session established to deliver the MOD title to the DHCT 16 of the user may be torn down as described above. When the user returns to the MOD channel the MOD application client 65 determines that there is a current rental but that no session exists. It then follows the steps described previously to set up a session with the VOD content server 22. If this session fails and the rental period is still active, the MOD application client 65 retries the session setup at different intervals based on the reason for the session setup failure. Additionally, a problem barker is displayed informing the user that the MOD service cannot be re-established and that the MOD application is retrying.

In the drawings:

Please amend the drawings in accordance with the attached amended drawings, as indicated in red.

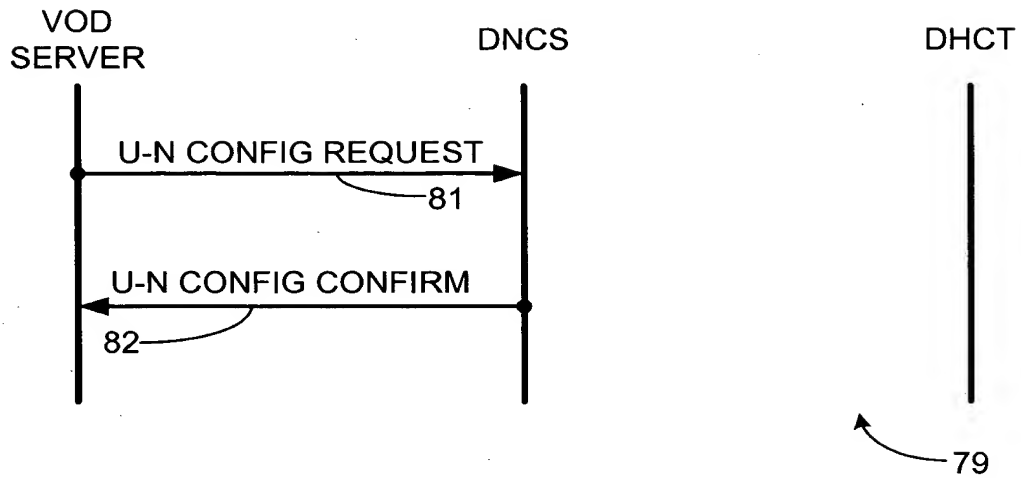


FIG. 4C

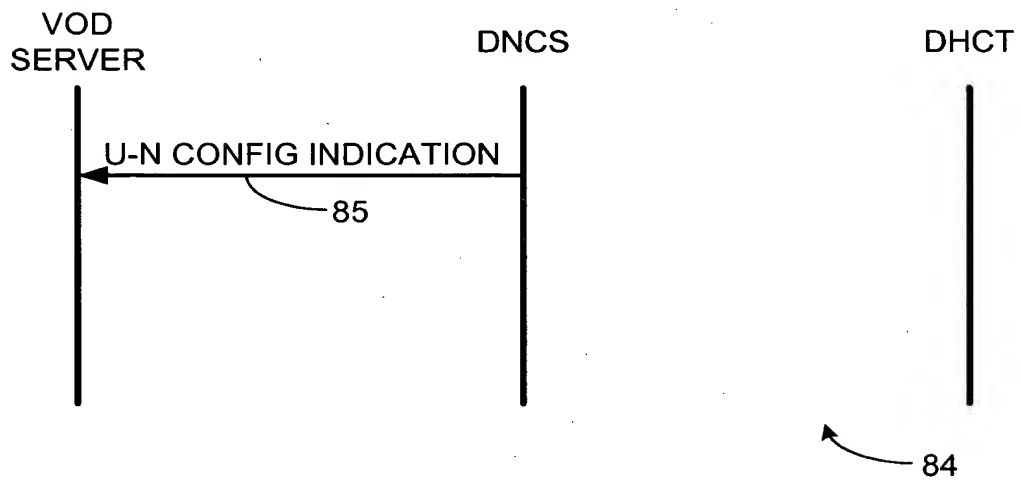
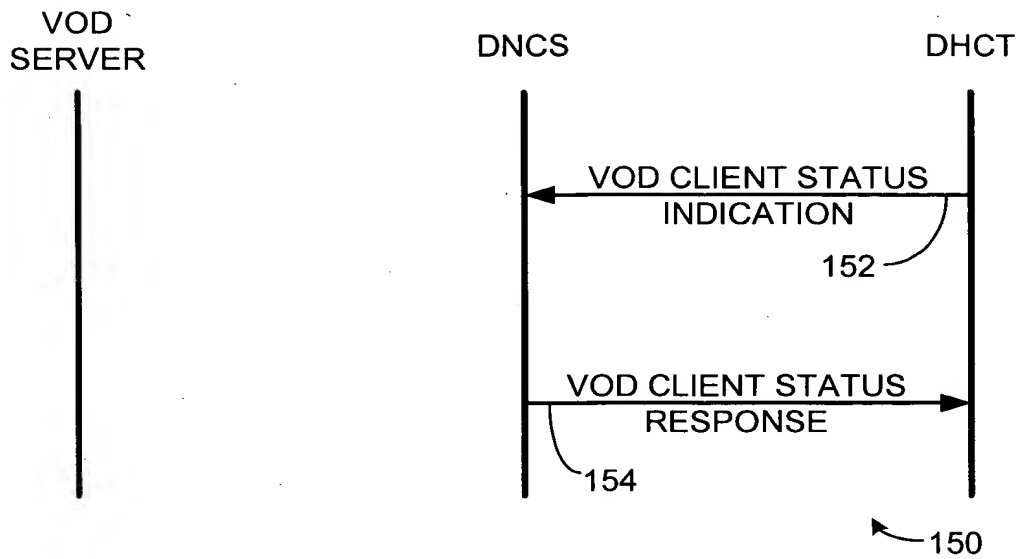
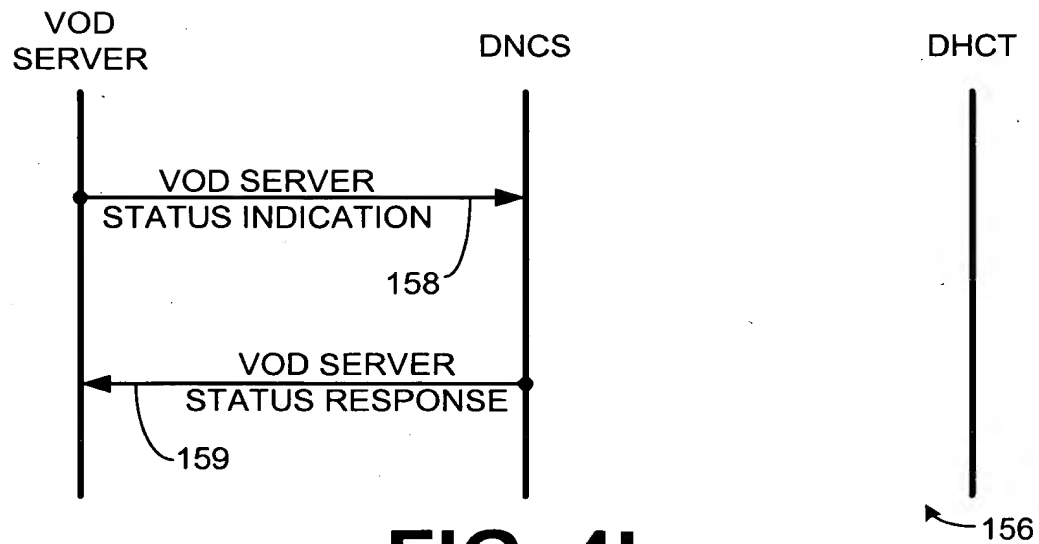


FIG. 4D

**FIG. 4K****FIG. 4L**

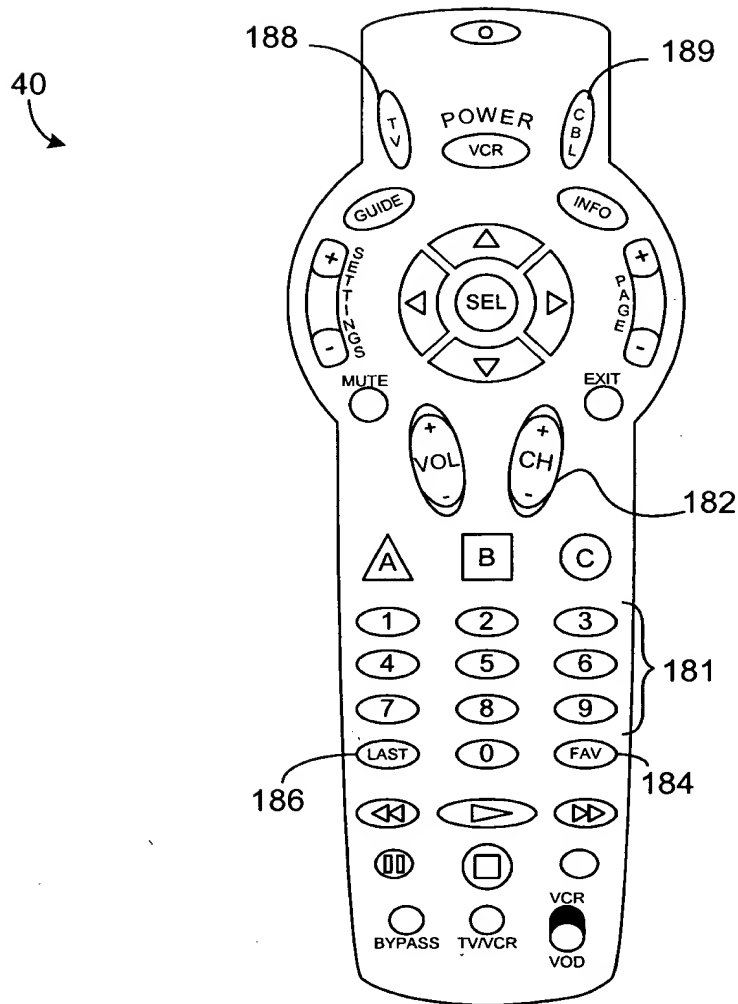


FIG. 7

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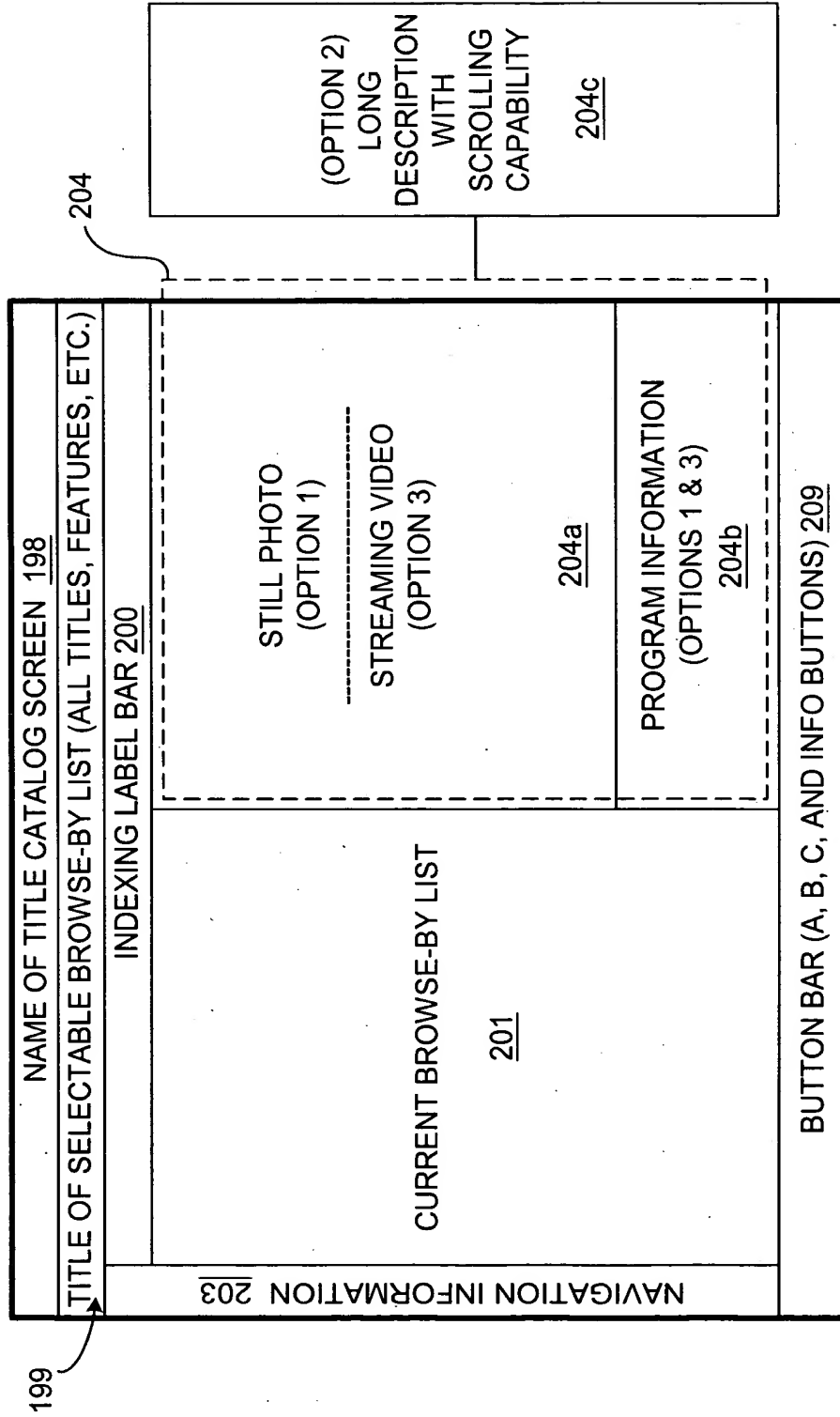
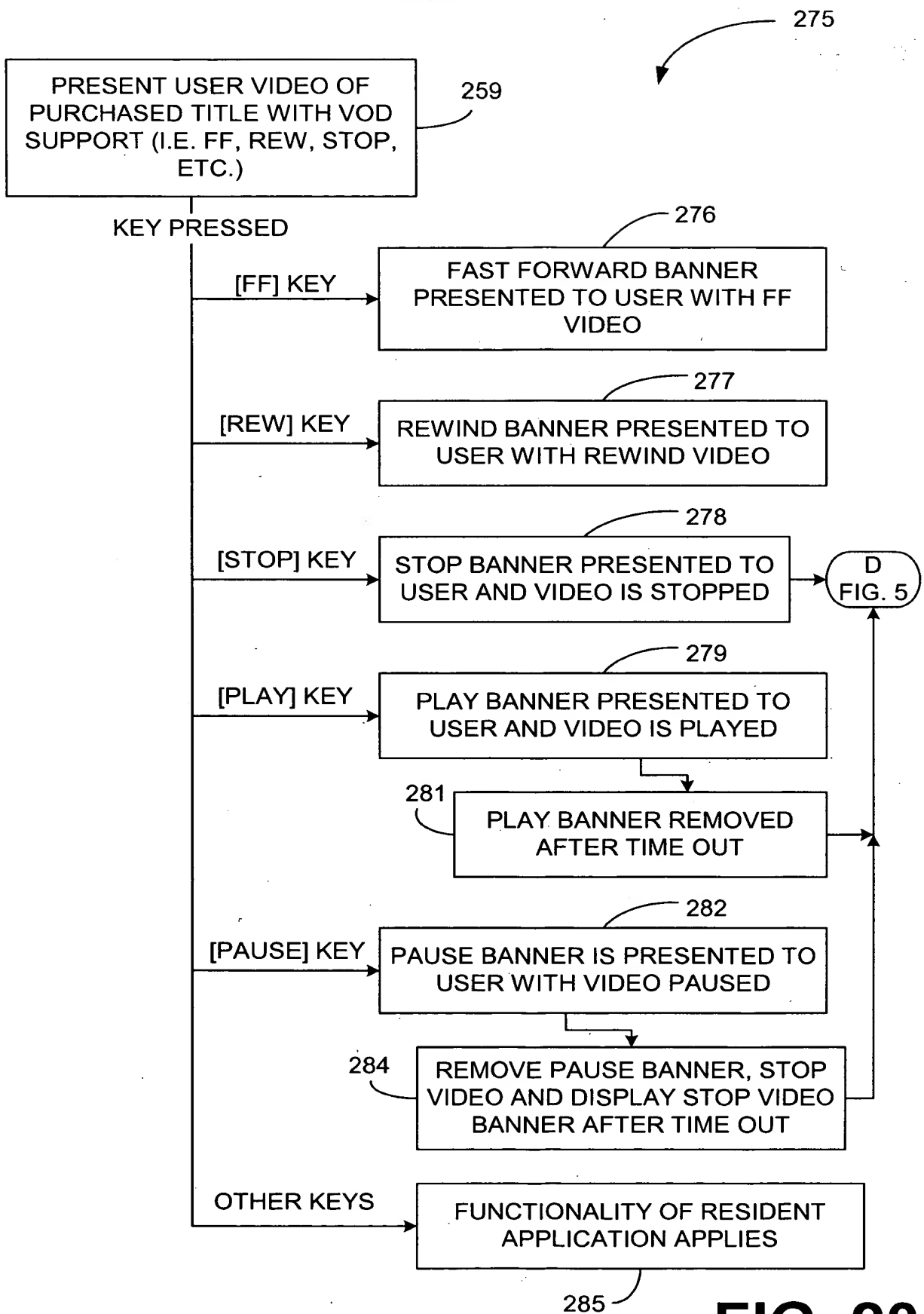


FIG. 8A

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